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July 14, 2008

Mr. James R. Cramer, PE  
Federal Highway Administration  
315 W. Allegan Street, Suite 201  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Cramer:

Enclosed for your review and approval is an amendment to the rural portion of the FY 2008-2011 STIP. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is amending fourteen projects from the FY 2007 and FY 2008 Recreational Trails Programs, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), into the FY 2008 - 2011 STIP.

MDOT is amending four projects in FY 2008 for the FY 2007 Recreational Trails Program. The estimated total cost for the four projects in FY 2008 is \$250,862.57 federal NRT funds. The projects make use of unexpended or de-obligated funds from previous years. The four projects are grouped together into a single line item in the project spreadsheet separately from the FY 2008 RTP. Details of the four projects are as follows:

- 2007-41: \$39,000 Gene's Pond State Forest Pathway, Dickinson Co. - Accessibility Improvements (using RTP2005-03 Gene Pond Pathway (\$23,000) and RTP2005-04 West Branch Pathway (\$16,000) funds).
- 2007-42: \$35,000 Rainbow Bend / Castle Docks Canoe Landing Renovations, Crawford Co. - Engineering (using RTP2006-03 Rainbow Bend/Castle Docks Canoe Landing Renovations funds for engineering rather than construction).
- 2007-95: \$144,000 Gaylord to Mackinaw City Rail-trail, Otsego and Cheboygan Counties - Surfacing (match for Transportation Enhancement grant TE2003-0335)
- 2007-100: \$32,862.57 Audit costs for various FY Recreational Trails Programs - Statewide

MDOT is amending ten projects in FY 2008 for the FY 2008 Recreational Trails Program. The estimated total cost for the ten projects in FY 2008 is \$1,803,000 federal NRT funds. The ten projects are grouped together into a single line item on the enclosed spreadsheet, "2008-8 Projects RTP 7.14 08.xls." For detailed information on each of the ten projects, please refer to the enclosed document, "2008-8 Project Detail FY08 RTP 7.14.08.doc."

Amendment of these projects will have no impact on financial constraint since they do not exceed NRT funds that are available in FY 2008.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 373-9055 or Amy Lindstrom at 335-1510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dalrois McBurrows". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'M'.

Dalrois McBurrows, Supervisor

Approved:

Original signed by:

James R Cramer, PE  
Federal Highway Administration

Date: 7/15/2008